

7/02/04

1764
EFW



PATENT

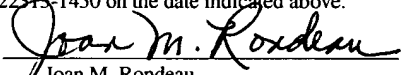
Attorney Docket No. **ICR 97/026**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Brian Jay **DOERKSEN**)
)
Application No.: 09/872,390)
)
Filed: June 1, 2001)
)
For: **ALTERNATE COKE FURNACE TUBE**)
 ARRANGEMENT)

Group Art Unit: 1764
Examiner: Alexa A. Doroshenk

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"	
Express Mail No.:	<u>ET 228453505 U.S.</u>
Date of Deposit:	<u>6-30-2004</u>
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated above.	
 Joan M. Rondeau	

RESPONSE TO
NOTICES OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Sir:

In response to a first Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed 06-09-2004 and a second Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed 06-23-2004, Applicant submits the enclosed "Amendments to the claims" section of Applicant's Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR 1.11 filed on April 28, 2004.

The enclosed "Amendments to the claims" contains a complete listing of all of the claims in Patent Application Serial No. 09/872390, including claims 1-24, and lists the status of

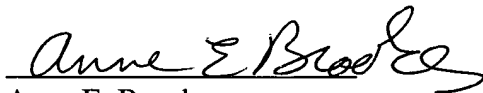
claims 26-32 and 34-38, which was listed in the Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR 1.11 filed on April 28, 2004 as "Previously Added," as "Previously Presented."

Applicant believes the enclosed "Amendments to the claims" section is now compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003.

If this belief is incorrect, or if a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue, please contact the undersigned or her associates at the telephone number listed below. Please charge any required fees or apply any credits to Deposit Account Number 16-1575, ConocoPhillips Company, Houston, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 29, 2004


Anne E. Brookes
PTO Reg. No. 33,066
CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY
P.O. Box 4783 (77210-4783)
600 North Dairy Ashford (77079-1175)
Houston, TX
Telephone: (281) 293-2542

ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT